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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

September 26, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of March 26, 2001, the period for response having been extended three months, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

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(Amended) A method of producing a composition comprising a thermoplastic resin and a rubber, wherein a solid rubber is turned into a molten rubber by a rubber kneading machine and fed into an extruder, and the molten rubber is melt-kneaded with the thermoplastic resin in the extruder.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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